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1. JULY 18 NAC WILL DISCUSS AND TAKE NOTE OF CHAIRMAN'S REPORT OF APRIL 3-5 APAG MEETING ON THE "EFFECT ON SOVIET POLICY IN EUROPE OF THE EMERGENCE OF CHINA ON THE WORLD SCENE" (C-M/73/58). REPORT INCORPORATES DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED CHANGES AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL, WE PLAN TO NOTE THAT REPORT IS AN ADMIRABLE AND CONCISE SUMMARY OF APAG DISCUSSION.

2. THE COUNCIL WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE DATE, PLACE AND POSSIBLY THE SUBJECT FOR THE NEXT APAG MEETING. WE UNDERSTAND THAT LUNS WILL PROPOSE THAT THE ALLIES HOLD THE NEXT MEETING OUTSIDE OF NATO HEADQUARTERS IN EARLY 1974. (ASYG KASTL HAS SOUNDED OUT FRENCH DELEGATION TO SEE IF FRANCE WOULD BE WILLING TO SERVE AS HOST FOR THE NEXT MEETING, BUT RECEIVED A NEGATIVE RESPONSE). AS FOR SUBJECT, LUNS WILL RECALL THAT AT THE LAST APAG MEETING, THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WERE PROPOSED.

--(BY U.S.) THE WORLD ENERGY SITUATION AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR NATO COUNTRIES

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--(BY CANADA) THE PLACE OF JAPAN IN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLIANCE

--(BY TURKEY) EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR

THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE MIDDLE EAST

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON THE DATE AND PLACE FOR THE NEXT APAG. AS FOR SUBJECT: WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THE DEPARTMENT WOULD SUPPORT THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL, "THE PLACE OF JAPAN, ETC." IN OUR VIEW, THIS SUBJECT, WHICH TIES IN WITH U.S. "YEAR OF EUROPE" PROPOSALS, WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE APAG TOPIC. ITS IMPLICATIONS ARE OF MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM IMPORTANCE TO THE ALLIANCE AND IT RELATES TO THE MOST RECENT APAG REPORTS, WHICH HAVE DEALT WITH EMERGENCE OF CHINA. FOR THE ENERGY TOPIC, IT STRIKES US THAT MORE INTENSIVE AND TECHNICAL CONSULTATIONS WILL BE NEEDED.
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